

8 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 March 1966

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[redacted]
DD/I noted [redacted] report of the loading of a Communist ship in Tientsin to carry ChiCom arms to Conakry. At DDCI suggestion the ship has been designated a "special interest" ship, and after it has been identified, arrangements will be made to keep it under close observation.

DD/I noted completion of a memo on Peking's attitude toward the threat of attack by the U. S. Our views do not coincide with those contained in a recent cable from the Consul General in Hong Kong dealing with this subject. A special dissemination with a covering note from the DCI will be made. DCI directed immediate delivery of a copy to Secretary McNamara on the Hill.

Godfrey reported on the Guatemala elections situation. Closing of the polls and a declaration that leftist Mendez failed to obtain an absolute majority together with the summary executions yesterday of four Communists create a "ticklish" situation.

Godfrey reported that drone photography showed fifteen MIG 21's in fourteen crates at Phuc Yen airfield near Hanoi. There was a brief discussion of delivery means employed for such shipments. There is no evidence of sea delivery.

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At DCI inquiry [redacted] and DD/S&T explained work being done to inspect and fix up operational U-2's. [redacted]

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[redacted] followed by action in Saigon with the SAC U-2's.

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deSilva at DCI inquiry explained that the offer has been made to brief the HEW group which is traveling to Vietnam. It is expected to take place sometime this week at HEW. Arrangements have also been made to have Agency [redacted] tie in with the medical officers in the HEW mission in Saigon.

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[] reported on the status of Congressional work with a bill to increase the amounts payable under the Federal Employees Compensation Act.

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Bross reported that Pat Coyne has expressed appreciation for the Middle East briefings yesterday of Professor Langer and General Taylor. [] of OCI and [] C/NE were the main briefers.

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DD/S&T reported on the latest tests and development work in connection with the IR camera. Improvements have been made, and further refinements are expected. (See Action 2)

DD/S&T reported on the successful separation last week of a TAGBOARD drone from a mother aircraft. The separation was successful but the drone lost power and was lost at sea.

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ACTIONS:

1. DCI requests that efforts be made to firm up a date for a visit by Representatives Mahon and Rivers to NPIC. (OGC)

2. DD/S&T is requested to keep DOD DD/R&E and the D/NRO abreast of tests and development of the IR camera. Consideration is to be given to tactical military applications of this capability. (DD/S&T - Status report by 18 March)

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